



California State Fire Marshal **CODE INTERPRETATION**

Date Issued	12-05-02	Interpretation #	02-048
Topic	Protection of Exterior Wall Openings		
Code Section(s)	1998 California Building Code Section 1006.3.4.3		
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In a four-story Group R, Division 1 occupancy that has an exterior exit ramp to grade, are the exterior windows adjacent to the exit discharge required to be fire rated?

Yes. All openings within or below 10 feet of the exit ramp must be protected, even if the ramp is located at the first floor level. If the user may be affected by a fire along their designated exit path, all openings within 10 feet of the path must be protected.